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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A billing method for billing a user for the usage of resources in a SIM card in a telecommunications network, in which the resources are not responsible for the traffic process, comprising:

incrementing at least one counter in the SIM card when at least one of a software resource and a hardware resource is used in the SIM card;

determining an amount to be billed from a counter value, provided by the at least one counter in the SIM card, wherein the amount to be billed corresponds to at least one of a service fee and a license fee, wherein the amount to be billed corresponding to any service fee is separately determined from the amount to be billed corresponding to any license fee; and

billing the user for at least one of the software resources and the hardware resources used in the SIM card, wherein the amount to be billed corresponding to any service fee is separately billed from the amount to be billed corresponding to any license fee.

2. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, wherein at least one billed-for resource is a contactless interface.

3. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, wherein at least one billed-for resource is based upon the use of the SIM card in an external system.

4. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising individually billing a plurality of resources independently in the SIM card.

5. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising incrementing the at least one counter based upon the duration of usage of the respective billed-for resource.

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7. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising offering the at least one billed-for resource by an external service provider, wherein the amount to be billed corresponds to a service fee for use of the offered service.

8. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising incrementing more than one counter to correspond to different types of fees applied to the use of a single resource.

9. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying the amount to be billed on a mobile device in which the SIM card is inserted.

10. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising charging the amount to be billed to a pre-paid account in the SIM card.

11. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising:
    preparing a billing record with the amount to billed; and
    transmitting the billing record to a billing center in said telecommunications network.

12. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 11, further comprising comparing an amount counted by the counter to a pre-defined amount, wherein the billing record is only prepared when the amount counted by the counter exceeds the pre-defined amount.

13. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 11, further comprising transmitting the billing record via said telecommunications network by means of SMS messages.

14. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising determining the amount to be billed based upon a fee table stored in the SIM card.

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15. (Previously Presented) The billing method according to claim 14, further comprising changing said fee table remotely, by means of SMS messages from another location in said telecommunications network.

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